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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF BELMONT  
MAINE

For the Municipal Year 1950

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Hutchins Brothers, Thorndike, Maine





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# TOWN OFFICERS

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## Selectmen and Assessors

W. A. Shevis

Theoron H. Brown

Karl Wentworth

## Collector

F. A. Schofield

## Treasurer

F. A. Schofield

## Clerk

Lenora Wellman

## School Committee

Clark Hodges

Muriel Thorpe

Viola Morse

## Superintendent of Schools

Phillip C. Libby

## Health Officer

W. A. Shevis

## Town Fire Warden, State Forest Fire Warden

Charles Reed



TOWN OF BELMONT  
**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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State of Maine  
**STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT**  
Augusta

October 16, 1950

Board of Selectmen  
Belmont,  
Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3 of the Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, the records of the Town of Belmont have been audited by the State Department of Audit for the period February 2, 1949 to February 1, 1950 inclusive.

The examination was made by Auditors C. G. Hawes and L. J. Hann in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedures which were considered necessary.

Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled with such exceptions as may be noted in the accompanying Comments.

Exhibits and schedules incorporated in this report present the result of the financial operations of the Town for the period designated.

Recommendations are also offered which are believed to be worthy of your consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Very truly yours,

FRED M. BERRY  
State Auditor

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## COMMENTS

February 2, 1949 to February 1, 1950

An examination has been made of the books and records of the Town of Belmont for the year ended February 1, 1950.

The records maintained by the Assessors, Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector and Town Clerk were audited. The system of internal control was reviewed, accounting records and other supporting evidence were examined or tested to the extent deemed necessary under the circumstances.

It is believed that the accompanying balance sheet together with the related financial statements fairly present the financial position of the Town at February 1, 1950 and the result of its operations for the year then ended.

## ASSETS

The cash balance of \$5,686.82 at February 1, 1950 was reconciled as follows:

Balance per Bank Statement - February 1, 1950

The First National Bank of Belfast	\$6,772.31
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Add:

Deposit of Feb. 4, 1950 (verified)	\$505.63
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Bank Service Charge	.66
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Total	506.29
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Total	7,278.60
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Deduct:

Treasurer's Checks - Issued but unpaid by Bank	1,591.78
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Balance - February 1, 1950	\$5,686.82
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Accounts receivable amounted to \$446.86 which was due from the State for highway expenditures.

The Assessors' records and those of the Tax Collector were examined in order to verify the 1949 tax commitment. This commitment was accounted for as follows:

Cash Collections	\$6,671.28
Abatements	14.81
Discounts	58.41
Taxes Receivable	863.96

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Total	\$7,608.46
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There are no prior years' unpaid taxes. Tax liens amounting to \$375.28 remained unpaid at the year end. All tax liens found on file with the Treasurer were examined. There were no sales of tax acquired property during the year.

Requests for verification were mailed to a representative number of taxpayers whose accounts were outstanding at the year end. Should and variations be noted as a result of these verifications, the proper municipal officials will be notified.

### LIABILITIES

There was one item of accounts payable which amounted to \$32.64. This amount is due F. A. Schofield as a result of an overdeposit.

### RESERVES AND SURPLUS

The balances of the various operating accounts, which by law or otherwise are carried forward to the ensuing year, amounted to \$2,318.99. The individual account balances are shown on Exhibit D.

The surplus at February 1, 1950 was determined to be \$4,719.71, which represents a net decrease of \$818.17, from the balance at the beginning of the year. This decrease is summarized as follows:

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Appropriations from Surplus	\$1,800.00
Deduct:	
Net Gain from Operations	\$834.83
Sale of Town Property	125.00
Accounts Receivable Not Previously set up	22.00
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Total Deductions	981.83
Net Decrease in Surplus	\$818.17

## TRUST FUNDS

The savings accounts, representing the investment of trust fund monies, were verified by examination of the bank passbooks. It was ascertained that all income had been properly received and disbursed.

## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

A comparative statement of revenue and expenditures is presented on Exhibit B of this report, which reflects a net gain from operations of \$834.83 for the current year, which was transferred to the unappropriated surplus. There was for the previous year a net loss from operations of \$378.01.

## GENERAL

The 1949 excise tax receipts, numbers 5 to 114 and those for 1950 numbers 1 to 11 were verified by examination of the receipts retained by the Collector. It was determined that all collections had been deposited with the Treasurer.

The overlay of \$333.99 was within the limit of 5% of the appropriations plus state and county taxes.

The following corporate surety bonds were found on file:

Treasurer	\$3,000.00
Peerless Casualty Co. No. S-16739	



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Tax Collector

\$3,000.00

Peerless Casualty Co. No. S-17292

Overdrafts were noted in several appropriation accounts, the summary of which is shown on Exhibit D. The Attorney General has rendered an opinion on this point and it is included for the benefit of the municipal officers.

“The municipal officers are bound by the terms of the articles in the warrant calling the meeting providing for the expenditure of money. The officers should not spend more than the taxpayers appropriated at town meeting, unless the statute expressly authorizes an expenditure in excess of the appropriation.”

The provisions of Chapter 84, Section 81, Revised Statutes of 1944, however, relate to expenditures of monies for highway purposes and permit overdrafts in cases of emergencies to the extent of 15 % of the appropriation.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations appear to be worthy of consideration by the municipal officials:

- (1) That, the municipal officials give consideration toward covering the town owned properties with insurance.
- (2) That, supplemental taxes be committed in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 81, Section 29 of the Revised Statutes of 1944.
- (3) That, a trial balance be taken of the accounts in the ledger at the end of each month.
- (4) That, the state system of accounting for town owned property and equipment be adopted so that a record will be available to show values and other pertinent data for municipal capital investments.

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## EXHIBIT A

## COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

	February 1, 1950	February 1, 1949
GENERAL FUND		
ASSETS		
Cash	\$5,686.82	\$6,641.71
Accounts Receivable (Schedule A-1)	446.86	.22
Taxes Receivable (Schedule A-2)	863.96	51.47
Tax Liens (Schedule A-3)	375.28	821.61
Tax Acquired Property (Schedule A-4)	575.92	575.92
TOTAL - GENERAL FUND	<u>\$7,948.84</u>	<u>\$8,090.93</u>

## TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS		
Time Deposits (Schedule A-6)	\$700.00	\$703.50
TOTAL - TRUST FUNDS	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$703.50</u>

	February 1, 1950	February 1, 1949
GENERAL FUND		

LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable (Schedule A-5)	\$ 32.64	\$ 2.50
Excise Taxes	877.50	662.94
RESERVE		
Reserve for Authorized Expenditures		
Exhibit D	2,318.99	1,887.61
SURPLUS		
Unappropriated (Exhibit C)	4,719.71	5,537.88
TOTAL - GENERAL FUND	<u>\$7,948.84</u>	<u>\$8,090.93</u>

## TRUST FUNDS

LIABILITIES		
Principals (Schedule A-7)	\$700.00	\$700.00
Unexpended Income		3.50
TOTAL - TRUST FUNDS	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$703.50</u>



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## EXHIBIT B

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND  
EXPENDITURES

Years Ended February 1, 1950 and February 1, 1949

	Years February 1, 1950	Ended February 1, 1949
<b>REVENUES:</b>		
Tax Commitment	\$7,516.44	\$9,119.77
Supplemental Taxes	95.02	83.44
Excise Taxes	625.00	617.95
State of Maine	8,524.78	4,619.78
Costs and Interest - Tax Accounts	72.04	56.28
Reimbursement - Other Town's Poor	21.77	
Refund	20.68	5.04
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>16,875.73</b>	<b>14,502.26</b>
Add:		
Appro. from Surplus	1,800.00	1,365.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,675.73</b>	<b>15,867.60</b>
<b>LESS:</b>		
Revenue Applicable to Appro- priation Carrying Balances	431.38	1,867.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,244.35</b>	<b>\$14,000.40</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
General Government	1,240.88	1,333.37
Health	30.00	
Protection		11.00
Highways and Bridges	7,351.53	4,042.35
Charities	464.95	715.34
Education	6,545.59	6,532.30
Cemeteries	148.10	141.73
Special Assessments	1,554.25	1,232.58
Insurance		8.80
Abatements	14.81	281.85
Discounts	58.41	79.09
	<b>17,409.52</b>	<b>14,378.41</b>
<b>Net GAIN or LOSS from operations</b>	<b>\$834.83</b>	<b>*\$378.01</b>
* In red		

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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February 2, 1951

Value of Real Estate, Resident	\$70,690.00
Value of Real Estate, Non-Resident	29,310.00
Value of Personal Estate, Resident	18,690.00
Value of Personal Estate, Non-Resident	1,210.00
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Total	\$119,900.00

Basis of Assessment of Money Tax	.062
Number of Polls Taxed	77
Number of Polls Not Taxed	13

### Appropriations

Miscellaneous Charges	\$1,500.00
Support of Schools	2,000.00
Highways and Bridges	300.00
State Aid Const.	600.00
Cutting Brush	200.00
Snow Removal	700.00
Snow Removal, No. 3 Highway	137.20
Support of Poor	300.00
and from surplus	\$ 75.00
Aid to Dependent Children	
Surplus	300.00
Care of Cemeteries	50.00
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Total	\$5,787.20
State Tax	870.65

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County Tax	684.60
Overlay	91.23
Poll Taxes Assessed	231.00
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Total Commitment	\$7,664.68

**Miscellaneous Charges**

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
Forest Fire Refund	144.56
Searsmont Share, Town Line Survey	23.75
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Total	\$1,668.31

## Expenditures—

## Printing and Supplies

Hutchins Bros.	\$ 64.40
Marks Printing House	29.75
Branham Printing Co.	4.12

## Telephone and Postage

Lenora Wellman	1.48
W. A. Shevis	15.00
F. A. Schofield	29.32

## Town Officers

Charles L. Thomas	17.42
John B. Eaton	7.65
Lenora Wellman 35.00 4.75	39.75
W. A. Shevis	89.52
W. A. Shevis, Assessor	59.00
Karl Wentworth	11.00
Karl Wentworth, Assessor	49.00
T. H. Brown	32.00
T. H. Brown, Assessor	52.50
F. A. Schofield	460.81
Clarence Morse	7.20
Clark Hodges, School Board	24.00



Muriel Thorpe, School Board	8.00
Viola Morse, School Board	8.00
Dept. of Audit	154.50
Survey Work	
James H. Duncan	47.50
Richard Fairbrother	18.00
Insurance	10.00
Bonds, Clark Agency	22.50
Town Clinic and Health Nurse	
Treasurer of State	15.00
City Drug Store	18.08
John A. Caswell, MD	11.50
Raymond Torrey MD	10.00
Misc. Items	
Maine Municipal Assoc.	20.00
H. A. Buzzell, legal fee	6.00
First National Bank	.66
Ralph Smith	11.25
Diamond Match Co.	16.79
Hall Hardware Co., bush hooks	4.50
Rev. Soldiers' Graves	
Bill Whipple	44.33
State Elections	
W. A. Shevis	11.61
T. H. Brown	14.50
Karl Wentworth	10.50
Emery Clement	10.00
Nellie Jackson	10.00
Verna Tower	10.00
Viola Morse	10.00
Clarence Morse	12.00
Bucklin Fire	
Emery Clement	45.00
Tommy Cunningham	9.00
Dennis Thibodeau	9.00

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Roy Taylor	5.25
Levi Merrifield	5.25
Jim Jackson	56.25
Leonard Cross	9.00
C. V. Brown	9.00
Royce Place	4.50
Harold Weymouth	4.50
Aubrey Wentworth	4.50
Joseph Boudreau	21.00
W. A. Shevis	11.25
Charles Reed	23.00
Maynard Hills	30.00
Bill Whipple	45.00
Walter Cobb	1.37

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Total	\$1,802.01
Overdrawn	133.70

## Cutting Brush

Appropriation	\$200.00
Jim Jackson	51.00
Charles Bragdon	61.20
Maynard Hills	42.00
Frank Fletcher	30.00
L. D. Holmes	6.75

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Expended	\$190.95
Balance	9.05

## Special Resolve - E. J. Hills Bridge

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Willis Banks	\$18.40
Herbert C. Morse	13.12
Phineas Oxtan	12.00

Neal Gibbs	9.00
Charles Ellis	36.00
Frank Fuller	35.70
Merrill Achorn	33.15
Elbridge Greeley	21.60
H. Perry Thomas	57.91
Lawrence Elms - Gravel	37.50
Bancroft & Martin	417.68

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Expended	692.06
Balance	307.94

#### Highways and Bridges

Appropriation		\$300.00
Ralph A. Smith	\$ 13.85	
Ralph A. Smith, gravel, TW Imp.	106.30	
C. V. Brown	10.88	
State Sand and Gravel	146.25	
Charles Bragdon	20.25	
Clarence Morse, Jr.	34.00	
W. A. Shevis	3.40	
Albert Thomas	4.50	
Jeptha Buck	13.10	

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Expended	\$352.53
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Credit to Account	
W. A. Shevis	\$3.25
Ralph Smith	6.50
Alva Thurman	6.50

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	\$16.25
Overdrawn	\$36.28



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**Support of Poor**

Appropriation and Surplus		\$375.00
Case No. 6	\$258.44	
Case No. 7	168.00	
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Expended		\$426.44
Overdrawn		51.44

**Aid to Dependent Children**

Not Drawn Upon	\$300.00
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**School Department**

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
Balance from 1949	1,453.20
Equalization	1,065.00
School Funds	2,453.61
State and Federal Subsidy	206.06
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Total	\$7,177.87

**Expenditures—**

Teaching	\$3,336.65
Transportation	1,727.00
High School Tuition	959.13
Superintendent	140.75
Supplies & Texts	174.51
Repairs	54.05
Fuel	230.17
Janitor	32.00
Miscellaneous	34.75
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Total	\$6,689.01
Balance	488.86

## State Aid Road Construction

Appropriation	\$ 600.00
State Aid Account	2,100.00

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Total	\$2,700.00
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## Expenditures—

Elbridge Greeley	\$ 59.40
Robert Hanson	38.54
Lawrence McKinney	33.00
Norman Thomas	35.70
Charles Ellis	24.00
Everett Knight	112.20
Merrill Achorn	109.65
Frank Fuller	132.00
Arthur Buck	98.00
Ted Tenney	82.00
Clarence McKinney	112.20
Hale Sparrow	100.65
Earl Ludwig	549.00
W. A. Shevis	11.00
Bancroft & Martin	66.30
Neal Gibbs	81.00
Clair Gurney	36.00
C. V. Brown	6.00
Treas. of State	215.68
Ralph Smith - Gravel	285.00

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Total	\$2,322.12
Deficit from 1949	323.60

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Balance	\$2,645.72
	\$54.28

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## Care of Cemeteries

Appropriation		\$50.00
Rebate from Last Year		12.00
Interest, Trust Fund		3.92
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		\$65.92
Bill Whipple, Sexton	\$62.14	
Bill Whipple, Trust Fund Int.	3.92	
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Expended		\$66.06
Overdrawn		\$ .14

## Snow Removal and Sanding

Appropriation		\$ 700.00
No. 3 Highway		137.20
From State		1,092.53
Balance from 1949		39.14
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		\$1,968.87
J. E. Buck, snow contract	\$1,469.65	
Treasurer of State - No. 3 Highway	\$274.40	
Sanding—		
W. H. Shurtleff Co. salt	66.00	
Henry Welch	10.00	
Irene Curtis	9.00	
Joseph Boudreau	9.00	
W. A. Shevis	6.50	
Avon Blood	15.30	
Norman Thomas	18.00	
J. E. Buck	262.90	
Albert Thomas	101.75	
State Sand and Gravel	10.00	
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Expended		\$2,252.50



Difference

\$283.63\*

\*This is a continuing account on which the State still owes us money.

**Town Ways Improvement**

From State		\$912.36
Elbridge Greeley	\$ 8.80	
Robert Hanson	12.30	
Lawrence McKinney	11.25	
Everett Knight	30.60	
Newell Achorn	38.25	
Frank Fuller	45.00	
Neal Gibbs	45.00	
Arthur Buck	16.00	
Ted Tenney	30.00	
Clarence McKinney	38.25	
Hale Sparrow	45.00	
Clair Gurney	45.00	
Treasurer of State	101.10	
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Expended		\$466.55
Balance		445.81

**Resources for the Year**

Cash Balance, Feb. 2, 1950		\$5,686.82
1950 Town Tax	\$7,664.68	
1950 Town Tax Interest	14.06	
1950 Supplementary Tax	100.45	
1950 Excise Tax	958.13	
1949 Town Tax	288.44	
1949 Town Tax Interest	6.45	
1949 Tax Liens and Expenses	428.76	
1948 Tax Liens and Expenses	369.11	

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1947 Tax Liens and Expenses	41.10	
Sale Town Property	150.00	
Searsmone Share Town Line Survey	23.75	
Misc. Items	29.72	
Interest on Trust Funds	3.92	
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		\$10,078.57
Received from State—		
State Aid Const.	\$2,100.00	
Special Resolve	500.00	
Town Ways Impr.	912.36	
Snow Removal	1,092.53	
School Fund	2,453.61	
Equalization Fund	1,065.00	
Bank Stock Tax	6.75	
Forest Fire Refund	144.56	
Dog Tax Refund	12.79	
State & Federal subsidy	206.06	
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		\$8,493.66
Total Collections		<hr/>
		\$24,259.05
Total Disbursements on Selectmen's Warrants	\$16,827.51	
	\$7,431.54	
Less Total Uncollected Taxes, Collector's		
Report	808.27	
Balance, Feb. 2, 1951	\$6,623.27	
Town Property	\$1,430.00	
School and Town House	1,600.00	
Available from State:		
Balance due on St. Aid Const.	54.28	

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Balance due on Town Ways Imp.     445.81

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Total Resources as of Feb. 2, 1951     \$3,530.09  
\$10,153.36

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. SHEVIS

T. H. BROWN

KARL WENTWORTH

Selectmen, Town of Belmont



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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1950

Balance Forward	\$5,686.82
Received from State:	
Town Ways Imp.	912.36
State and Federal Subsidy	206.06
Summary Snow Removal, 1949-1950	1,092.53
State Aid, Forest Fires	144.56
Bank Stock Tax	6.75
Equalization Fund (School)	1,065.00
School Fund	2,453.61
State Aid Highway	2,600.00
Dog Tax Refund	12.79
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	\$8,493.66
Sale Town Property	150.00
Interest Trust Funds	3.92
1947 Tax Liens & Charges	41.10
1948 Tax Liens and Charges	369.11
1949 Tax Liens and Charges	428.76
1949 Town Tax Collected	288.44
1949 Town Tax Interest	6.45
1950 Town Tax Interest	14.06
1950 Excise Tax	958.13
1950 Supp. Tax	100.45
1950 Collections on Commitment	6,856.41
Misc. Items	29.72
Searsmont Share, Town Line	23.75
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	\$17,763.96

	5,686.82
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	\$23,450.78
Paid Selectmen's Warrants	16,827.51
Balance Feb. 2nd, 1951	\$6,623.27

**Cemetery Trust Funds**

Ada Morton	\$200.00
W. S. Foss	100.00
Miles Pease	100.00
Daniel Greer	100.00
C. H. Meader	100.00
Kate Meader	100.00
William Marriner	500.00
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	\$1,200.00

Respectfully submitted,

Fred A. Schofield, Treasurer

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For 1950

Tax Commitment	\$7,664.68	
Supplemental Tax Collected	100.45	
Charged to Collector		\$7,765.13
Credits to Collector:		
Cash to Treasurer	\$6,856.41	
Uncollected Taxes (Tax Liens)	808.27	
Supp. Tax	100.45	
		\$7,765.13

### Resident Taxes Uncollected

	Real Estate	Personal
Lloyd Dyer	\$ 15.63	
Harry N. Eaton	86.80	
A. Fairbrother, Heirs	62.00	
Fred & Charlotte Fenwick	75.02	
Robert Lloyd	9.82	
Herbert C. Morse	21.13	
Robert E. Palmer	114.69	115.01
Berlin Philbrook	21.70	
Warren Spaulding	10.88	
Richard Thomas	27.90	
Percy Tower, Heirs	1.55	
Mildred Tyler	49.60	.62
Frank Trull, Heirs	40.30	
	\$537.02	\$115.63

Arlo Redman, Paid by Selectmen

\$1.55

**Non-Resident, Uncollected Taxes**

Ruby Braley	\$ 1.86
Fred Curtis, Heirs	12.40
A. Fairbrother, Heirs	13.64
Floyd Littlefield	23.25
Chas. Philbrook	2.17
Dan & Chas. Robertson	21.70
Carl Robinson	3.10
Phyllis Thomas	55.80
Selma B. Walsh	21.70

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\$155.62**Summary—**

Resident Uncollected	\$652.65
Non-Resident Uncollected	155.62

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**Total**

\$808.27

Respectfully submitted,

Fred A. Schofield, Collector



**ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING****1950**

In reviewing the Public Health Nursing Program for the past year, it would seem that the trend has been toward more group activities than in previous years. While this has probably cut down the number of home visits made, it has been possible to give service to more families in the community. Your nurse has visited the town 11 times during this year.

Because of the present world conditions, immunizations programs have been emphasized. A series of 3 Child Health Conferences have been held with 20 infants and preschool children attending. 15 children were immunized against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus and 9 children were vaccinated against Smallpox. Each child had a physical examination and the mothers were given an opportunity to discuss the health problems with the attending physician.

The School Health Program has consisted of the Public Health Nurse acting as a health consultant to the Superintendent and teachers. 3 immunization clinics have been held in the school. 25 school children have been immunized against Diphtheria, 23 have been immunized against Whooping Cough, 19 have been immunized against Tetanus. Vaccination against Smallpox was administered to 19 school children. It has been through the splendid cooperation of your local Health Committee that this service to the children in your community has been available.

Through the established clinics, which are sponsored by the Bureau of Health of the State Department of Health and Welfare, many children with a specific physi-

cal or mental problem have had the opportunity of receiving service from specialists in various fields. Among these established services are the Crippled Children, Pediatric, Hard of Hearing, Cardiac and Mental Hygiene Clinics.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Town Officials, School Personnel and members of the Health Committee for their splendid cooperation which has made the Public Health Nursing Program available to such a large proportion of the families in your community. I am looking forward to the opportunity to continue this work in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. EMMA CREAMER

Public Health Nurse

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Belmont:

I am pleased to present my first annual report of the condition and progress of your schools for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1951.

The teaching staff remains the same as last year: Mrs. Marion Cushman, Primary grades; and Mrs. Lydia Lloyd, grammar grades. At the close of the fiscal year forty-seven children were enrolled in the elementary schools, and five pupils were enrolled at Crosby high school in Belfast.

Favorable progress is being made in your schools. The teachers are constantly aiming to achieve the proper objective - that of preparing the way for each child to take his place most effectively in our society. Much emphasis is still being placed on teaching the basic skills in reading, spelling, arithmetic and other school subjects; but the teachers are also concerned with the social and emotional development of each child. It is very important that the child learns the necessity of subject matter skills; but those skills function to the greatest advantage when the child has achieved a high degree of social competence. Besides classroom activities, the teachers sponsor occasional entertainments and outdoor supervised play; all of which aid in the well-rounded social development of the child.

Since the schools operate on a two-session basis much

transportation is necessary; and this year two busses in very good condition have been in service. These conveyances have afforded very satisfactory transportation for your children.

As early as possible we should strive toward the acquisition of a new school building so that the boys and girls may enjoy the advantages of a full school day, a shorter school year, as well as the advantages that a new building would offer to the combined group of children attending a two-room school together.

In order that your schools operate on a standard at least equal to that of the school year 1950-51 this year's appropriation must be increased substantially over last year's appropriation. This increase is due mainly to a considerable reduction in state subsidy to be received in December 1951. Also, costs of high school tuition, textbooks, and supplies will be greater. We expect that more pupils will be attending high school during the school year 1951-52.

It has been pleasant to work with the school officials, teachers, and other people of Belmont during this school year; and I wish to express my appreciation to all who have contributed to the welfare of our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP C. LIBBY

Superintendent of Schools



# **BELMONT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

## **Financial Report**

**Jan. 31, 1951**

	Balance Feb.	Appropriated by Town	State Fund	Total Receipts	Total Expenditures	Balance
Teachers	\$919.75	\$690.00	\$1,898.61	\$3,508.36	\$3,279.29	\$229.07
Janitor Supplies, Cleaning	44.13			44.13	50.92	-6.79
Textbooks	50.23		70.00	120.23	49.49	70.74
Supplies	185.56			185.56	121.67	63.89
Conveyance	-45.15	700.00	1,006.06	1,660.91	1,727.00	-66.09
Fuel	155.08		100.00	255.08	211.25	43.83
Tuition	65.12	450.00	650.00	1,165.12	1,037.22	127.90
Repairs	95.60			95.60	57.40	38.20
Superintendent	-17.12	160.00		142.88	155.50	-12.62
TOTALS	\$1,453.20	\$2,000.00	\$3,724.67	\$7,177.87	\$6,689.74	\$488.13

**A Summary of Articles to be listed in Town Warrant  
and suggested appropriations for same:**

Town roads and bridges	\$ 300.00
Schools	5,000.00
Misc. charges	1,200.00
Support of poor	300.00
A. D. C.	150.00
Snow removal	700.00
Snow removal, No. 3 highway	137.20
Winter sanding	250.00
State Aid Const.	600.00
Maine Publicity Bureau	25.00
Civil Defense	250.00
For gravel, Town Ways Imp.	150.00
Cutting brush	200.00
Town light	12.00
Health Nurse	15.00
Volunteer Fire Department	200.00
Town Hall maintenance	150.00
Insurance, Town Hall and School	10.00
Cemeteries	75.00
Town Officers	500.00
Total	<hr/> \$10,224.20











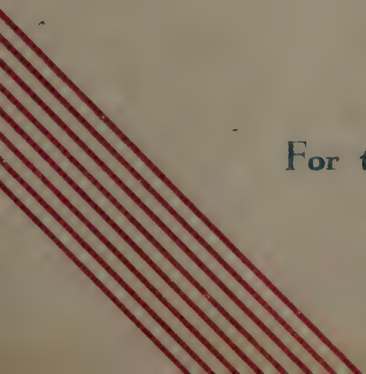


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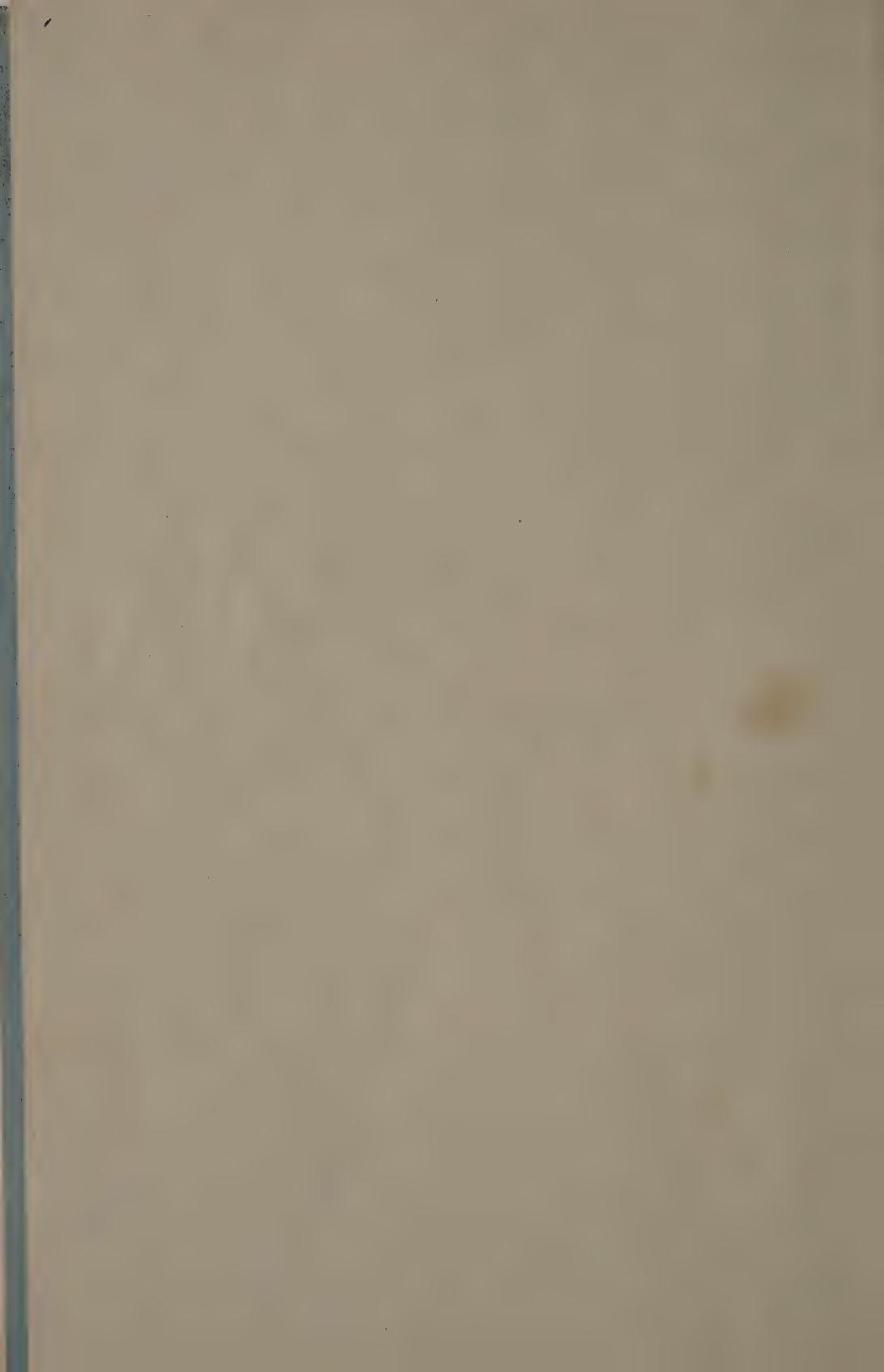
REPORT

TOWN OF BELMONT

MAINE



For the Municipal Year 1951





ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF BELMONT  
MAINE

For the Municipal Year 1951



Hutchins Brothers, Thorndike, Maine

# TOWN OFFICERS

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## Selectmen and Assessors

Theron H. Brown      Karl Wentworth      Emery Clement

## Collector

F. A. Schofield

## Treasurer

F. A. Schofield

## Clerk

Lenora Wellman

## School Committee

Clark Hodges      Muriel Thorpe      Viola Morse

## Superintendent of School

Philip C. Libby

## Health Officer

Theron H. Brown

## Town Fire Warden

State Forest Fire Warden, Chas. Reed

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

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**State of Maine**  
**STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT**  
**Augusta**

Board of Selectmen  
Belmont  
Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, the records of the Town of Belmont have been audited for the fiscal year ended February 2, 1951

The examination was made by Auditor L. J. Hann in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards that pertain to municipal accounting. Audit analysis was on a basis consistant with that of the preceding year, and included all procedures that were considered necessary.

Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the town appear to have been appropriately handled, with such exceptions as may be noted in the accompanying Comments.

Exhibits and schedules incorporated in this report present the result of the financial operations of the Town for the period designated. A recommendation is also offered which are believed to be worthy of your consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Very truly yours,

FRED M. BERRY

State Auditor

## COMMENTS

February 1, 1950 to February 2, 1951

An audit has been completed of the books and records of the Town of Belmont for the Municipal year ended February 2, 1951. The audit included an examination of the records maintained by the assessors, Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector. The result of the audit indicates that the following suggestions, if adopted, would strengthen the financial structure of the Town.

All abatements allowed should be approved by a majority of the Assessors.

The examination consisted of a review of cash transactions as well as an analysis of revenues and expenditures. The result of the year's operations showed that available funds exceeded expenditures by \$144.26. However, overdrafts were noted in various appropriation accounts, more particularly in the highways and bridges accounts totaling \$370.63. Unexpended and overdraft balances are summarized as follows:

Unexpended Balances	\$566.47
Overdrafts	422.21
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Net Unexpended Balances	\$144.26

The department of Attorney General has advised that overdrafts are not permitted by statute excepting in certain instances where emergencies arise in highway activities and then only to the extent of 15% of the highway appropriation.

At the year end tthe unappropriated surplus amounted to \$4,488.97, or a net decrease of \$230.74 as compared with the preceding year. This was occasioned principally by the authorized transfer of \$375.00 to charity accounts.

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The examination also included verifications of tax and tax lien accounts. The insurance policy was reviewed and listed and corporate surety bonds were on file for the following officials:

Treasurer	\$3,000.00
Tax Collector	\$3,000.00

Included in this report are exhibits and schedules pertaining to the financial status of the Town. Audit procedures deemed necessary were followed in the development of these statements.

It is believed that the accompanying balance sheet and supporting statements fairly present the financial position of the Town at February 2, 1951, and the result of its operations for the year then ended.

### EXHIBIT A

#### COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

##### GENERAL FUND

	February 2, 1951	February 1, 1950
ASSETS		
Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$6,623.26	\$5,686.82
Accounts Receivable		446.86
Taxes Receivable (S. A-1)	808.28	863.96
Tax Liens (Sch. A-2)	213.51	375.28
Tax Acquired Property (S. A-3)	519.99	575.92
TOTAL - General Fund	<u>\$8,165.04</u>	<u>\$7,948.84</u>

##### TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS		
Time Deposits	\$1,200.00	\$700.00
TOTAL - Trust Funds	<u>\$1,200.00</u>	<u>\$700.00</u>
	February 2, 1951	February 1, 1950



## ANNUAL REPORT

## GENERAL FUND

<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable (Sch. A-4)	\$1.03	\$32.64
<b>RESERVES</b>		
Authorized Expenditures	\$1,840.44	\$2,318.99
Excise Taxes	1,834.60	877.50
Total Reserves	3,675.04	3,196.49
<b>SURPLUS</b>		
Unappropriated (Ex. C)	4,488.97	4,719.71
<b>TOTAL - GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$8,165.04</b>	<b>\$7,948.84</b>

## TRUST FUNDS

<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Principals (Sch. A-5)	\$1,200.00	\$700.00
<b>TOTAL - Trust Funds</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>

EXHIBIT B  
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

	Years Ended		
	February 2, 1951	February 1, 1950	February 1, 1949
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Tax Commitment	\$7,664.68	\$7,516.44	\$9,119.77
Supplemental Taxes	100.45	95.02	83.44
Excise Taxes	957.10	625.00	617.95
State of Maine	8,046.80	8,524.78	4,619.78
Costs and Interest -			
Tax Accounts	133.44	72.04	56.28
Reimbursement -			
Other Towns Poor		21.77	
Refund	42.22	20.68	5.04
Gain on Sale of Tax			
Acquired Property	94.07		
Interest on Trust Funds	3.92		
Total Revenues	17,042.68	16,875.73	14,502.26
Add			
Transfers from Surplus	375.00	1,800.00	1,365.34
	17,417.68	18,675.73	15,867.60

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Deduct:			
Revenue Applicable to Appropriation Carrying Carrying			
Balances	478.55	431.38	1,867.20
TOTAL	\$16,939.13	\$18,244.35	\$14,000.40
Expenditures:			
General Government	1,679.03	1,240.88	1,333.37
Health	15.00	30.00	
Protection	12.00		11.00
Highways and Bridges	6,276.71	7,351.53	4,042.35
Charities	426.44	464.95	715.34
Education	6,689.04	6,545.59	6,532.30
Cemeteries	66.06	148.10	141.73
Special Assessments	1,555.25	1,555.25	1,232.58
Abatements	21.01	14.81	231.85
Insurance			8.80
Discounts	54.33	58.41	79.09
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	16,794.87	17,409.52	14,378.41
Excess of Available Funds			
Over Expenditures	\$144.26	\$834.83	*\$378.01
..* In Red			

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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February 4th, 1952

Value of Real Estate, Resident	\$74,635	
Value of Real Estate, Non-Resident	28,940	
		103,575
Value of Personal Estate, Resident	20,596	
Value of Personal Estate, Non Resident	1,105	
		21,701
Total		\$125,276

Basis of Assessment of Money Tax	.078
Number of Polls, Taxed	68
Number of Polls Not Taxed	14

### Appropriations

	Assessed	Supplies
Miscellaneous Charges	\$1,000.00	
Support of Schools	5,000.00	
Highways and Bridges	300.00	
State Aid Construction	600.00	
Cutting Brush	200.00	
Snow Removal		700.00
Snow Removal No. 3 Highway	137.20	
Suport of Poor	400.00	
Aid to Dependent Children		150.00

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Care of Cemeteries	75.00	
Town Street Lights	12.00	
Public Health Nurse	15.00	
Civilian Defense		250.00
Belmont Volunteer Fire Dept.	200.00	
Sanding		250.00
Insurance	10.00	
Town Officeres, Wages & Salaries		500.00
Gravel (T. W. I.)	150.00	
Purchase of Land for Cemetery	50.00	
Town Hall	150.00	
Highways and Bridges (Special)		100.00
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Total	\$8,299.20	\$1,950.00
State Tax	907.02	
County Tax	631.25	
Overlay	120.89	
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	\$9,958.36	

## Miscellaneous Charges

Appropriation	1,000.00
Interest & Charges on Liens	153.07
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Total	\$1,153.07

## Expenditures—

Printing and Supplies—	
Hutchins Bros.	\$ 72.20
Marks Printing House	29.95
Branham Printing Company	4.13
	108.28
Telephone and Postage	\$35.52      35.52

Dept. of Audit	147.38	147.38	
Insurance, Bond, Clark			
Agency	22.50	22.50	
Me. Municipal Assn.	20.00	20.00	
Patrons Androscoggin, Ins.	11.80	11.80	
State Elections			
Verna Tower	5.00		
Nellie Jackson	5.00		
Viola Morse	5.00		
Madeline Cobb	5.00		
			\$20.00
Fred A. Schofield:			
Lien Exp. (1950)	55.60		
Commissions & Reim-			
bursements	380.55		
		436.15	
Waldo Co. Reg. of Deeds	2.85	2.85	
Central Maine Power Co.	9.08	9.08	
Herbert Morse, Mileage	22.50	22.50	
Lorimer Eaton, Legal	3.00	3.00	
Clarke Hodges, Mileage	5.00	5.00	
Belfast Fire Dep. Cross Fire	61.25	61.25	
		\$905.31	\$1,138.07
Balance		232.76	
		\$1,138.07	\$1,138.07

#### Town Officers

Appropriation (Surplus)		\$500.00
T. H. Brown	124.00	
Karl Wentworth	106.50	
Emery Clement	100.00	
Lenora Wellman	42.10	



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Wm. Shevis	46.00	
Fred A. Schofield	79.00	
Clarence Morse	10.00	
Carke Hodges	10.00	
Muriel Thorpe	10.00	
Viola Morse	10.00	
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	\$537.60	\$500.00
Balance (Overdraft)		37.60
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	\$537.60	\$537.60

## Cutting Brush

Appropriation		\$200.00
Expenses	\$ 0.00	
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	\$ 0.00	200.00
Balance	200.00	
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	\$200.00	\$200.00

## Highways and Bridges

Appropriation		\$300.00
Appropriation, Special Town Meeting		
Surplus		100.00
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		\$400.00
Bancroft & Martin	\$ 60.52	
State Sand & Gravel	331.20	
Emery Clement	40.05	
L. T. Tenney	6.00	
J. E. Buck	63.20	

Albert Thomas	17.40	
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	\$518.37	\$400.00
Balance (Overdraft)		118.37
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	\$518.37	\$518.37

### State Aid Road Construction

Appropriation		\$ 600.00
State Aid Account		2,100.00
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		\$2,700.00
Herbert Morse, foreman	\$83.40	
Chas. Bragdon, labor	59.76	
M. H. Glidden, dozer	297.00	
Arthur Sprowl, truck	209.44	
Avon Blood, truck	184.80	
Howard Clark, truck	83.20	
Earl Norwood, truck	174.00	
Richard Blood, truck	160.16	
Earl Garnett, labor	43.16	
L. S. Reed, truck	267.04	
David Jackson, labor	3.32	
Earl Ludwig, dozer	120.00	
Oswold Cark, labor	36.11	
State Sand & Gravel	642.00	
Bancroft & Martin	327.73	
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	\$2,691.12	\$2,700.00
Balance	8.88	
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	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00

**TOWN OF BELMONT****13****Town Ways Improvement**

State Appropriation		\$994.69
State Sand & Gravel	\$188.20	
Herbert Morse, foreman	31.90	
Earl Garnett, labor	12.45	
Oswald Cark, labor	16.60	
Avon Blood, truck	89.32	
Arthur Sprowl, truck	86.24	
Howard Clark, truck	41.60	
Earl Norwood, truck	86.24	
L. S. Reed, truck	107.80	
Richard Blood, truck	72.38	
Earl Ludwig, dozer	187.00	
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	\$919.73	\$994.69
Balance Available	74.96	
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	\$994.69	\$994.69

**Gravel, Town Ways and Improvement**

Appropriation		\$150.00
State Sand & Gravel	\$94.10	
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	\$94.10	\$150.00
Balance	55.90	
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	\$150.00	\$150.00

**Snow Removal**

Appropriation, Surplus	\$ 700.00
State Appropriation	1,227.47
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	\$1,927.47

J. E. Buck	\$1,469.65	
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	\$1,469.65	\$1,927.47
Balance	457.82	
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	\$1,927.47	\$1,927.47

**Sanding**

Appropriations, Surplus		\$250.00
Albert Thomas, labor	\$ 16.88	
State Sand and Gravel	18.90	
J. E. Buck, labor and material	125.64	
Robt. Maresh, labor	15.30	
Arthur Buck, labor	14.03	
Ralph Harvey, labor	4.25	
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	\$195.00	\$250.00
Balance	55.00	
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	\$250.00	\$250.00
Snow Removal Route No. 3		\$137.20
Treas. of State	137.20	
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	\$137.20	\$137.20

**Street Light**

Appropriation		\$12.00
Central Maine Power Co.	\$12.00	
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	\$12.00	\$12.00

**Town Hall**

Appropriation		\$150.00
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Herbert Morse, carp.	\$ 30.00	
T. H. Brown, supplies	16.02	
Milton Hills, supplies	23.03	
Earl Cross, elec.	41.24	
Karl Wentworth, supplies	16.65	
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	\$126.94	\$150.00
Balance	23.06	.
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	\$150.00	\$150.00

## Care of Cemeteries

Appropriation		\$75.00
Wm. Whipple	\$21.25	
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	\$21.25	\$75.00
Balance	53.75	
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	\$75.00	\$75.00
Interest on Trust Funds		\$18.01
Wm. Whipple	\$12.01	
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	\$12.01	\$18.01
Balance	6.00	
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	\$18.01	\$18.01
Cemetery, Purchase of Land		\$50.00
Expenses	\$ 0.00	
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		\$50.00
Balance	50.00	
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	\$50.00	\$50.00



**Volunteer Fire Dept.**

Appropriation		\$200.00
Fire Dept. Draft	\$60.00	
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	\$60.00	\$200.00
Balance	140.00	
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	\$200.00	\$200.00

**Public Health Nurse**

Appropriation		\$15.00
Treas. of State	15.00	
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	\$15.00	\$15.00

**Civil Defense**

Appropriation, Surplus		\$250.00
Unexpended	\$250.00	
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	\$250.00	\$250.00

**Support of Poor**

Appropriation		\$400.00
Unexpended	\$400.00	
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	\$400.00	\$400.00

**Aid to Dependent Children**

Appropriation, Surplus		\$150.00
Unexpended	\$150.00	
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	\$150.00	\$150.00

**TOWN OF BELMONT****17****Insurance**

Appropriation		\$10.00
Patrons Androscoggin	\$11.80	
Balance, Overdrawn		1.80
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	\$11.80	\$11.80

**School Department**

Appropriation		\$5,000.00
Balance from 1950		488.86
Treas. of State		1,917.58
Diamond Match Co.		1.85
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		\$7,408.29
Expenses	\$7,072.43	
Balance	335.86	
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	\$7,408.29	\$7,408.29

**Resources For Year 1951**

Cash Balance, Feb. 4, 1951		\$6,623.26
Received from, State per Treasurer's reeport		6,176.36
Sale of Property, Taxes Collected, Excise Taxes, and Misc., per Treasurer's report		10,850.17
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		\$23,649.79
Total Disbursements, per Selectmen's warrants	16,325.98	
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		\$7,323.81
Less, Total Uncollected Taxes, per Collector's report		1,276.31
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		\$6,047.50

Town Property	\$1,380.00	
School & Town Hall	1,600.00	
Available from State:—		
Bal. due on State Aid Const.	8.88	
Bal. due on Town Ways Improve- ment	74.96	\$3,063.84
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Total Resources 3 3 52		\$9,111.34

Respectfully submitted,

THERON H. BROWN

KARL WENTWORTH

EMERY CLEMENT

Selectmen, Town of Belmont

## TREASURER'S REPORT

1951

Balance Forward	\$6,623.26
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Received from State:

Town Ways Imp.	\$ 919.73
State Aid Road	2,091.32
Summary, Snow Removal, 1950-51	1,227.47
State School Fund	1,917.58
Dog Tax Refund	12.76
Bank Stock Tax	7.50

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\$6,176.36

Sale, Town Property	\$50.00
Interest, Trust Funds	18.01
1949 Tax Liens and Chgs. Collected	179.04
1950 Tax Liens and Chgs. Collected	356.30
1950 Town Tax and Int.	391.75
1951 Excise Tax Collected	1,017.10
1951 Town Tax Collected	8,684.00
1951 Supp. Tax Collected	103.35
1951 Interest Collected	19.52
1951 Misc Items Collected	31.10

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\$23,649.79

Paid Selectmens Warrents	16,325.98
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Balance Feb. 1952	\$7,323.81
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### Cemetery Trust Funds

Ada Morton	\$200.00
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W. S. Foss	100.00
Miles Pease	100.00
Daniel Greer	100.00
C. H. Meader	100.00
Kate Meader	100.00
William Marriner	500.00
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	\$1,200.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. SCHOFIELD, Treasurer



## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1951

Tax Commitment	\$9,960.31
Supp. Tax Collected	103.34
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Charged to Collector	\$10,063.65
Credits to Collector:	
Cash to Treasurer	\$8,684.00
Uncollected Taxes	1,276.31
Supp. Tax	103.34
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	\$10,063.65

### Resident Taxes, Uncollected

	Real Estate	Personal	Poll	Total
Brant Blankhorn	\$ 70.98			
Martin Boudreau	34.16			
Wilfred A. Cross	5.07	\$ 45.58		\$ 50.65
Lloyd Dyer	22.62			
Harrn N. Eaton	109.20			
Arthur Fairbrother, Heirs	78.00			
Richard Fairbrother	7.80			
Frederick Fenwick & Charlotte	94.38			
William Harvey		.78	\$3.00	3.78
Ralph Jacobus	66.30	6.63	3.00	75.93
Herbert C. Morse	32.37	7.80	3.00	43.17
Charles Reed	105.30	104.91		210.21
Chester Richards	27.30	9.36		36.66
Ralph Smith	15.35			
Albert Sturup, Jr.	23.40		3.00	26.40
Richard Thomas	35.10	.78		35.88
Reginald Thomas	46.80			
Aubrey W. Wentworth	131.04	.78		131.82
Ida May Whipple	2.73	.78		
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	\$907.90	\$177.40	\$12.00	\$614.53

**Non-Resident, Uncollected**

Munedo Brown	\$19.50
Arthur Fairbrother, Heirs	17.16
Sanford Howard	23.40
Mervin Ingalls	11.70
Floyd Littlefield	29.25
F. L. Morse	7.80
Phyllis Thomas	70.20

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179.01

**Summary**

Resident, Uncollected	\$1,097.30
Non-Resident Uncollected	179.01

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Total \$1,276.31

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. SCHOFIELD, Collector

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING**

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The Public Health Nursing program in your town has been limited this year due to the physical set up of the program. Immunization for communicable disease is offered each year, but since such a complete program was carried out in 1950 and Booster doses for these inoculations are recommended every two years, the need for Conference and Clinic service was not felt during 1951.

Service has been given to the schools through consultation service with the teachers and school superintendent. 19 Audiometer tests were done with 3 children found to have defective hearing.

Available clinics to the community, sponsored by the Department of Health and Welfare, include Crippled Children, Pediatric, Speech, Hard of Hearing, Cardiac, Mental Hygiene, Diagnostic X-ray and Cancer Control. Service to the community for all of these Clinics has been possible. It is hoped that next year a local Health Committee can be formed and, through their cooperation with the Public Health Nurse, more work can be accomplished in your community and advantage taken of the available clinic services can be made.

Your Public Health Nurse does appreciate the cooperation that has been given her by the town officials and School Personnel. She is sure this same cooperation will be extended to her during the coming year and trusts that, through the organization of a Health Committee, she may have the pleasure of giving more service to you.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. EMMA CREAMER

Public Health Nurse

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of  
Belmont:

I am pleased to submit my second annual report of progress of your schools for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1952.

Fifty-one pupils are enrolled in the elementary school; thirty-one in the primary grades; and twenty in the grammar school grades. Eight students are attending Crosby High School in Belfast. Mrs. Marion Cushman is still in charge of the primary school; but a few changes in teaching personnel have occurred in the grammar school during the year. Mrs. Mary Gurney of Morrill, who began work in September, resigned at the conclusion of the first twelve weeks. Mrs. Dorothy Kinney of Belfast substituted until January when the services of Miss Christine Knowlton were secured. Miss Knowlton, whose home is in Liberty, has her degree from Gorham State Teachers' College and has had successful teaching experience.

Periodic improvement of teachers through professional study is very important in education of today. In this connection I am pleased to report that Mrs. Cushman attended the six weeks summer session at the University of Maine last summer.

The school program is being conducted in a professional manner. In spite of changes in teachers, pupil progress has not been interrupted. The teachers are concerned not only with teaching the fundamental skills of

reading, arithmetic, writing, and other skill subjects; but they are continually conscious of the need for the overall growth and development of the children.

Because of a law passed in the last state legislature, Belmont is now in a position to make a greater effort toward providing better school housing. Local action on school building construction has been delayed for several years to the disadvantage of the children. The new legislative act would enable the town to secure funds for construction more easily than during the past few years. Many towns which have not found it possible to go ahead with the building of a school in previous years, have indicated a keen interest in taking advantage of the new enabling law. In order that much improved classroom facilities be provided, and in order that the children may be afforded the advantage of a full day of school each day, I urge all citizens to consider carefully the construction of a new school in the near future. Information relative to building possibilities will be presented at the annual town meeting.

Under the provisions of a new state subsidy law, your town will be assured of a relatively large state subsidy allocation during succeeding years. As long as the local property valuation per resident pupil remains the same as at the present time, Belmont will receive forty-five percent of the cost of school maintenance from the state each year.

I have enjoyed the cooperation of school officials, teachers, and other citizens during the past year; and I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your continued interest in and support of our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP C. LIBBY

Superintendent of Schools



## BELMONT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Item	January 31, 1952				Total Receipts Expenditures Feb. 1, '52	Balance
	Balance Feb. 1, 1951	Town Appropriation	State Fund	Total Receipts		
Teachers	223.07	2,300.00	907.58	3,436.65	3,585.66	-149.01
Janitor Supplies	-6.79	30.00		23.21	21.00	2.21
Textbooks	70.74	30.00	20.00	120.74	104.48	16.26
Supplies	63.89	70.00	40.00	173.89	134.22	39.67
Conveyance	-66.09	1,000.00	850.00	1,783.91	1,742.00	41.91
Fuel	43.83	100.00	100.00	243.83	197.39	46.44
Tuition	127.90	1,200.00		1,327.90	1,101.13	226.77
Repairs	38.20	100.00 (Misc.)	1.85	140.05	44.22	95.83
Supervision	-12.62	170.00		157.38	163.62	-6.24
TOTALS	488.13	5,000.00	Misc. 1.85	7,407.56	7,093.72	313.84

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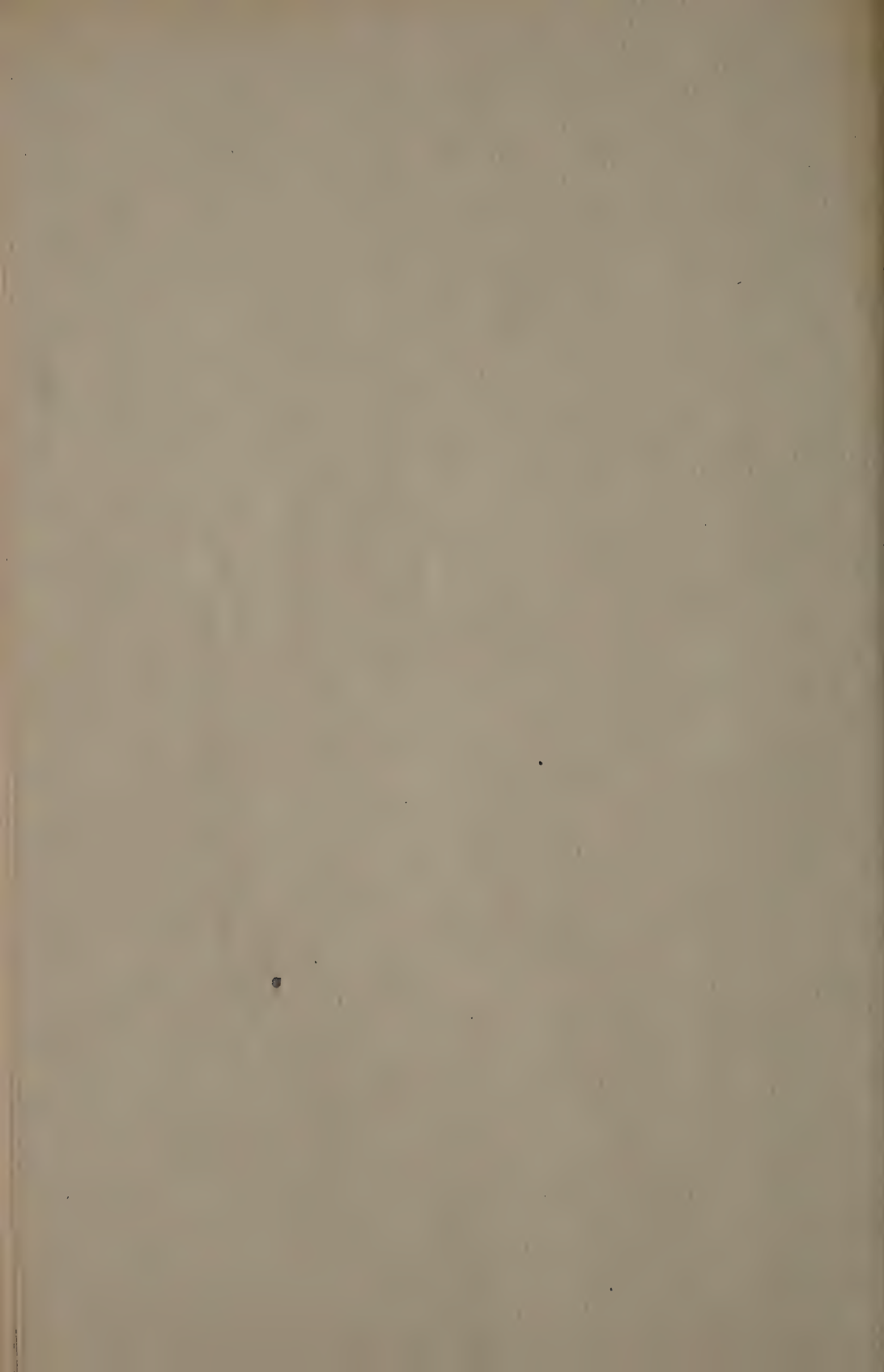


**Suggested Appropriations for 1952**

Town Light	\$ 12.00
Health Nurse	15.00
Civil Defense	250.00
Belmont Volunteer Fire Dept.	200.00
Support of the Poor	400.00
Support of Dependent Children	150.00
Snow Removal	800.00
Snow Removal, Route No. 3	137.20
Winter Sanding	250.00
State Aid Road	60.00
Gravel	100.00
Roads and Bridges	750.00
Town Hall	100.00
Schools	
Insurance	12.00
Maine Publicity Bureau	25.00
Town Officers	600.00
Miscellaneous	1,200.00
Care of Cemeteries	75.00

















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